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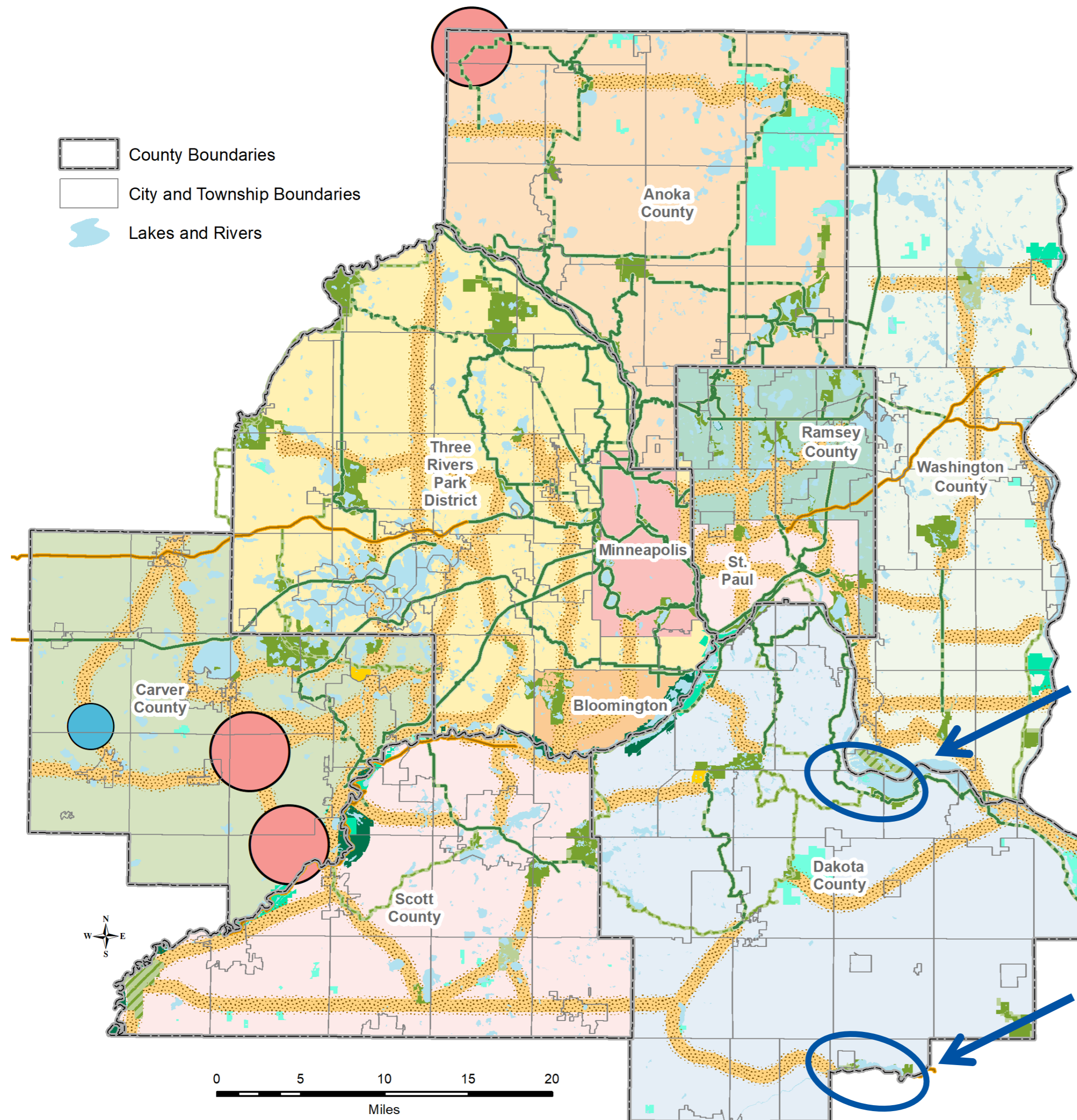
Grant Project Change from Mississippi River Regional Trail to Lake Byllesby Regional Park, Dakota County

April 4, 2019

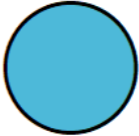
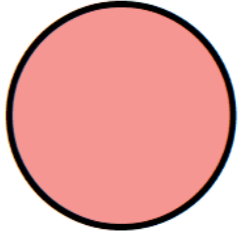












Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission



Regional Parks System Plan Map



Regional Park Search Areas and Regional Trail Search Corridors

-  Park Boundary Adjustments
-  Park Search Areas
-  Regional Trail Search Corridors
-  Existing State Trails
-  Regional Parks (Not Open to the Public)
-  Planned Parks (Not Open to the Public)
-  Regional Trails (Open to the Public)
-  Regional Trails (Not Open to the Public)
-  Planned Regional Trails (Not Open to the Public)
-  State Wildlife Management Areas
-  State Parks
-  MN Valley National Wildlife Refuge
-  Minnesota Valley State Trail and Recreation Area
-  Special State Recreation Features

Mississippi River
Regional Trail -
Rosemount

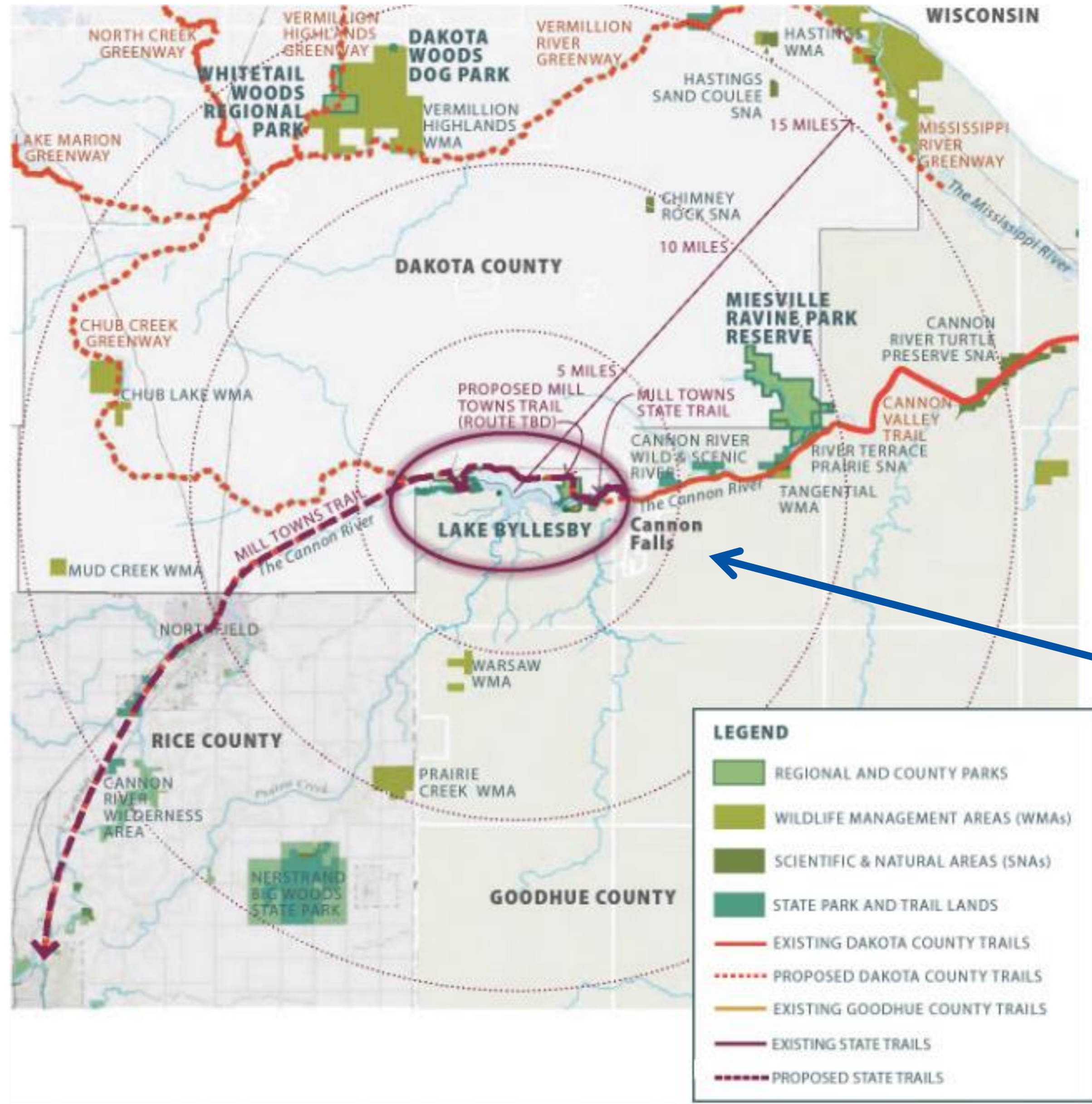
Lake Byllesby
Regional Park

Regional Trail Background

- The Council approved a 2017 grant, funded with State Bonds, to Dakota County for \$852,000 for what would become the “Mississippi River Regional Trail Construction – Rosemount”.
- The grant remains unexecuted due to numerous project complexities and delays.
- The County has not used any of the funds connected with this State Bond grant.



Dakota County Regional Parks Map



Lake Byllesby Regional Park



Lake Byllesby Proposal

- Dakota County proposes the funds be used for:
 - Access to Cannon River
 - Access and improvements to Lake Byllesby Beach
 - Improvements to Echo Point
 - Campground improvements
 - Access to the west unit of Park
 - Natural resource improvements



Lake Byllesby Background

- The County seeks to change the grant scope to improvements defined in the Lake Byllesby Regional Park Master Plan approved by the Council on May 23rd, 2018
- The Master Plan identifies almost \$11 million in improvements over 10 years
 - Dakota County has committed over \$2.57 million
 - The Council committed over \$1.12 million from Legacy Funds on July 24th, 2018
 - The Council to consider approving another \$1.277 million
 - \$852,000 currently under consideration
 - \$425,009 from State Bonds appropriated March 6th 2019



Staff Findings

Dakota County's request meets all relevant Metropolitan Council requirements.

- It is consistent with the *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan*.
- It is consistent with the approved master plan for Lake Byllesby Regional Park.
- The master plan has been evaluated using the Equity Toolkit.
- The Dakota County Board approved the proposed project change and funding reallocation in its 2019 Capital Improvement Program.
- The Mississippi River Regional Trail – Rosemount grant is currently unexecuted and the County has not spent any funds related to this grant.

Proposed Action

Recommend that the Metropolitan Council:

- Approve a grant project scope change for Dakota County grant agreement SG-22058 to modify the project scope from Mississippi River Regional Trail construction project to construction of improvements at Lake Byllesby Regional Park.

